

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

POEMS IN PRAISE OF ENGLISH PHONOLOGY Charles F. Hockett

1. stop 2. spirant 3. labial, laminal, dorsal 4. lateral, retroflex, nasal 5. voiceless 6. voiceless 7. voiceless, obstruent 8. nasal 9. voiceless 10. labial

AN OLYMPIC QUIZ Darryl Francis

myopical, diplomacy, cephalodymia, polydemoniac, polysemantic, polymicrobic, mycoplasmic, compliancy, cytoplasmic, microphysi-cal, polyschematic

polymicroscope, cosmopolicy, lycopersicum, lycopodium/polycod-ium, polygamistic, cryptoglioma, hypokalemic, polypharmic, poly-mathic, myelopathic, polyhemic, lipothymic

polychromia, polychromin, polytrichum, polystichum, impolicy, mispolicy, compliably, myopically, pyromellitic, symptomatic, cryptonemiales, polyatomic

polysomatic, polynomic, cypselomorphic, polymicrian, policymak-er, microtypal, pyrometrical, polymeric, microcephaly/pyrochem-ical, polycormic, polydromic, polymastic

spatilomancy, cypseliform, compressively, myeloplastic, polysomic, polycrotism, polycentrism, polymetameric, polymythic, complicity, compositely, polyonymic

PRIMER TIME Ralph G. Beaman

Two letters, T and A, are used in this alphabet primer to form the three-letter words TAA, TAB, TAC, etc. Two imperfect words are TAF_e and TAQ_lid.

KICKSHAWS Philip M. Cohen

Jabberwocky: The vicar swigs chilled bubbly in the parish too.
If you try this with "Jabberwocky" you'll find it much less amenable, but some changes are possible. "Brillig" is an adjective, for example.

Outlandish Limericks: There was a young fellow named Cowan
Who always to girls was avowin'
"Hello! What a treat!
I'm in love with you, sweet!"
Which accounts for the state he is now in.

Improvements are earnestly solicited from readers.

Grammar Quiz: 1. PHial 2. NUance 3. Fİber 4. ROBot 5. RHODium
6. NEWel 7. ETAgere 8. BETake 9. PSIlosis 10. COYote
11. CAP-A-pie 12. Pİrate 13. CHİsel 14. MUsic 15. TAUtology / PHYtology 16. amPHİbole 17. caRHOp 18. deNUde
19. desPIse 20. eMulate 21. eXIt 22. rETain 23. uPSide
24. alfALFA 25. biOTA (bETA is cannibalistic) 26. burRO
27. dATA 28. eMU 29. esPY 30. kowTOW 31. magPIE
32. propheSY 33. reNEW 34. uniFY

Our Kind of Charles Bostick Quiz: Each is the name of a language with more than a million speakers. Tswana was one of the languages contributing to the College of Interesting Cardinals.

Particularly Useless Information Quiz:

1. The assay ton, 29.166 grams.
2. Translation of the names of the letters of the Irish alphabet: ailm, beith, coll, dair, eadhadh, fearn, gath, hath, iodha, luis, muin, nuin, oir, peith, ruis, sail, teithne, ur.
3. These are the names of the Tengwar ("letters") in Tolkien's Lord of the Rings: tinco, parma, calma, quesse, ando, ... The last one is the word ūre, or "heat".
4. Translated from Bureaucratese, his name becomes First name unknown, No middle initial, Last name unknown.
5. 3456. 8848. Observe that 3456 can factor into 2^7 and 3^3 , which makes the arshin easily divisible into a great many different fractions. However, 8848 factors into 79, 7 and 2^4 ; God knows how they came up with that.

ANOTHER INTERLACED CHARADE R. Robinson Rowe

The answer is DIVERSIFICATION = DIVERS IF I CAT ION.
Some people like to shoot against par or brag about their score.
For such competitive persons, here is a rating table based on the number of clues used to find the fifteen-letter word:

Clues	Score	Grade	Rating
1-15	100	A+	Eagle
1-18	90	B	Birdie
1-21	80	C+	Par
1-24	70	C-	Bogey
1-26	60	D	Double Bogey
1-32	50	D-	Duffer
1-37	40	E	Caddy
1-40	10	F	Flunky